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In the Specification:

Amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 to read as follows:

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DESCRIPTION FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Insert the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1,

line 10:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Insert the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 3,

line 13:

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OBJECT OF THE INVENTION

Insert the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 3,

line 19:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Insert the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 4 line

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 to read as follows:

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Figure 5 shows the dynamic deflections of the prior art suspension system
shown in Figure 3; [[and]]

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 to read as follows:

616 Figure 6 shows a side elevation of [[an]] a first embodiment of inventive suspension system [[.]]; and

Insert the following paragraphs before the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 16:

611 Figure 7 shows a side elevation of a second embodiment of inventive suspension system.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

612 [Amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 20 to read as follows:]

Whilst the system 10 has been described with reference to a two leaf spring system, it could equally apply to a system comprising more than two leaves. In such applications the upper leaf configuration would remain identical to that described with reference to Figure 6, whereas the lower leaf is duplicated to suit the particular usage. Furthermore, the inventive system 10 has been described as comprising an auxiliary air spring 30, whilst it is entirely possible to provide other forms of spring assistance. For example, as can be seen in Figure 7, the auxiliary spring could be may comprise a hydraulic, hypo-pneumatic, electro-mechanical or manual mechanical or any other form of conventional spring assistance 40. The shackle 18 may also be any generally used rear leaf spring mounting.